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Thursday's Notebook**BREAKING NEWS**

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Candidates Talk Business at the SOB Speakout

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

The stage was set as students running for the School of Business executive board and students running for the Undergraduate Student Assembly (UGSA) Representatives presented their platforms.

"Three hundred sixty degrees: Bringing your needs and our vision full circle," is the name of Kyle Hutton, Derrien Hinton, Moriah Thomas and Allura Harris' platform for the positions of executive president, executive vice president, treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Running for Executive President, sophomore finance major, Kyle Hutton, said his council seeks to create a foundation in which the council can nurture holistic business leaders. This will be done with a specific emphasis on academic integrity, communication, community service and professional development.

"We seek to capitalize on what previous councils have done well and to re-implement and be innovative with programs and initiatives," said Hutton. "Consistency is key."

Three Sixty's plan is to build closer relationships with the students. One plan is the council will pass out pamphlets and information every first Tuesday of the month in the lobby of the School of Business as a means to get students' participation in programs that council plans to host. Hutton said the council wants students to feel like they are a part of the School of Business.

The Three Sixty council plans to host skills workshops where business leaders will come to teach students how to effectively use certain programs such as Microsoft Excel. In addition, Three Sixty

wants the students to hold them accountable. Through a Web site, students will be able to track the council's initiatives and stay abreast of what is happening in the School of Business and leave feedback for the council.

There are six candidates for the UGSA representatives. Aric Adams is running under the platform "The Workout." Through his platform, Adams plans to strengthen the School of Business' future by increasing students' participation in programs and strengthening the amount of passed legislations that are beneficial to the School of Business. Adams also plans to increase the relationship between student government and the students.

Derek T. Carrington is running under the platform titled "I am you." Carrington said he is basically the students and is here to serve them through legislation and programming. Carrington said he would work closely with the newly elected student council to find out the problems that students are facing.

Kenneth Burnett is running under the platform "Amplify." Burnett plans to bring awareness of student government activities to the students and invigorate the students as well. Burnett plans to have effective communication with students.

Caleb Williams is running under the platform "The Metamorphosis." He plans to transform programs and the relationship between students and the community through service programs with non-profit organizations, translate the needs and wants of the students and transpire new opportunities in the School of Business. "It does not matter how good a leader you are; if you don't have a vision, there is no progress," said Williams.



Students gathered in the School of Business to hear the candidates speak and answer questions posed by the current SOB student council.

Jabari Thomas is running under the platform "Making Adjustments." Through his platform, Thomas plans to increase communication with the School of Business students and UGSA and General Assembly.

Marquel Russell is running on the platform "The Vision." Through this platform, Russell plans to shape the School of Business through unity and accountability. He is running for re-election this year.

Running for the student council of the sophomore class, Madijane Sarr, Patrick Oseni, and Ashir Nelson are running for president, vice president and treasurer, respectively, under the platform "The Collective." They plan to serve as a liaison between the executive board and the class of 2013. They plan to have Microsoft



Excel workshops and create an e-mail list that will serve as a way to remain in contact with the class of 2013.

Talisha Jones is running as sophomore treasurer. Jones plans to put hard work and effort into being treasurer. Her five pillars are academic integrity, building, open communication, fundraising and

community involvement. Latavia Marie Green is running for junior treasurer. Green plans to recapture academic leadership and keep students abreast of what is going on in their school.

The next School of Business speak out will be held in the School of Business Auditorium Feb. 24, 2010 at 7 p.m.

HU Students Give New Meaning to Paradise

BY GERRON JORDAN
Staff Writer

You've seen it. You've heard about. Your friends have told you to join. But what is it that you're joining? Better yet, what is *Paradise Exit*?

Paradise Exit (PE) is a "one-stop online magazine for discovering original coverage of entertainment, politics, music, fashion, dining and culture; it is a dynamic engaging resource on the Washington, D.C. metropolitan collegiate lifestyle."

The site offers their most desirable consumer, the student, commentary on the hottest trends, discussions of mass media and how-to guides on surviving in the concrete jungle.

So why have you heard so much about it and why is it so important on Howard's campus? *PE* was founded by Bison alum, Jason Coles, Class of 2009.

"I started *PE* because I saw a need for students in D.C. to have an uncensored voice on different topics and subjects that all college students want to know about," said Coles, who manages the *PE* office on campus in the School of Business.

With quirky innovation driving weekly updates, social events and endorsing interaction, *Paradiseexit.com* is quickly becoming D.C.'s premiere source of

information for everything happening in the metropolitan area.

"Getting people to get out and realize the great things D.C. has to offer was another objective. Not too many people ventured out into different parts of the city to go to restaurants, free events, museums and historical places when I was in school."

PE covers all of the topics that college students look to read about, such as music, food, fashion, technology, politics, culture and local events.

"All of these things were made in mind to ultimately bring the different college campuses of D.C. together," Coles added. "I think the other part of me just wanted to start a business because working for someone will not get me to where I want to go or allow me to do the things I want to do."

PE serves over 90,000 students at six schools in the area including George Washington University, American University, Howard University, Georgetown University, The University of Maryland and The Catholic University of America.

PE appeals to social urbanites, future leaders, aspiring artists, political activists and fashionistas

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AKAs and Kappas Step to ATL

HU Students travel to Atlanta for the weekend to support Greeks

BY LAUREN GASPARD
Staff Writer

Campus is buzzing as students are anticipating a weekend in Atlanta to support Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, and the Howard University chapter, the Xi Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated in the Annual Sprite Step Off Competition. Students will be leaving at midnight heading to Atlanta, to not only support the two organizations, but to also do community service. The "Sprite Step Off Service Challenge" involves participating organizations to contribute their time to such organizations as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and the Ronald McDonald House.

During the trip students will be doing community service with Howard alumnus and newly elected mayor of Atlanta, Kasim Reed by assisting in renovating neighborhood community centers. In addition, Howard students will also be hosting a recruitment reception with the Howard University Atlanta alumni chapter, as well as potential Howard students.

Bryan Smart, Howard University Student Association President helped organize the trip, and feels that the opportunity was perfect for both the Howard community, and potential students to benefit from overall. "I think that students reaching out to the community [in another state] will not only benefit the University

but its future students, all while supporting two dynamic groups as they win the final."

Both Kappa Alpha Psi and Alpha Kappa Alpha have been practicing tirelessly, preparing for the big event on Saturday.

Alvin Staley, junior legal communications "I am looking to forward to not necessarily winning but doing the best," said Staley. "The community service is something that I am looking forward to. Especially working with the kids."

Jasmia Fowler, speech language pathology and member of Alpha Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. is looking forward to the big win. "All I got to say is, Alpha Excellence," said Fowler. "We come second to none."



Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. will compete in the Sprite Step Off National Competition this weekend in Atlanta, Ga.

A Look Inside The Ralph Bunche Center

The Bunche Center offers students the opportunity to travel abroad and get valuable internship experience

BY GENET LAKEW
Metro Editor

Perched on the corner of 6th Street, the Ralph Bunche Center serves as the hub for international affairs at Howard University.

"As one Howard student put it, the Ralph J. Bunche Center is like an embassy. It is a portal for students to access the world," said Vanessa Rozier, program assistant for the center's Charles B. Rangel program.

Named for New York Congressman Rangel, this specific program is funded by the Department of State and supported by Congress, designed "to promote greater diversity and excellence in the U.S. Foreign Service."

However, the Ralph Bunche Center as a whole was born from the legacy of the late Ralph Johnson Bunche, a nationally and internationally accomplished African American. His connection to Howard University began when he founded the Political Science Department at Howard University in 1928.

Bunche was a key advisor to the San Francisco Conference in 1945 where the Charter of the United Nations was essentially born. For this accomplishment,

"he is considered by many to be one of the founding fathers of the United Nations," states the center's Web site.

In 1950, Bunche became the first person of color to win a Nobel Peace Prize.

According to the Nobel Prize Web site, his father was a barber and his mother a musician. Bunche's grandmother, who later raised him and his sisters after their parents' death, was born a slave.

From an early age, Bunche excelled in school, academically as well as in extracurricular activities and sports. He graduated with the highest honor of magna cum laude from the University of California at Los Angeles. From there, he received a master's degree in political science from Harvard University in 1928. And finally in 1934, he became the first African American to obtain a doctorate in political science Harvard.

Drawing from Bunche's passion for diversity and international progress, the university's International Affairs Center was established in 1993.

"The Center aims to increase interest, awareness and participation in the global community," said Lanisa Kitchiner through e-mail, the associate director at the center.

Kitchiner's interest in world

affairs and more specifically African affairs was sparked here at Howard University, where she completed undergraduate studies. In addition to her post at the International Affairs Center, Kitchiner is currently a professor within the university's African Studies Department.

"There were many courses offered that enabled me to further explore and develop my interests in African-American/African literature. My undergraduate experience sparked and fueled the fire that burns in me today," said Kitchiner.

Through special programs such as the Charles B. Rangel program, as well as events and study abroad programs, the international center's mission is to train Howard students to become leaders in the international community.

The Charles B. Rangel program consists of a graduate fellowship program and an undergraduate summer enrichment program. Overseeing the communication aspect, Rozier reaches out to and informs the undergraduate and graduate applicants of the program.

Within the past year, Rozier upgraded the Web site to make the application as well as pertinent information easily available for interested applicants. A 2009 gradu-

ate of Howard, Rozier is excited about promoting the benefits of the program.

"Since I started in June 2009, I have set up meetings with Howard professors to ask for their help in recruiting applicants and just spreading the word," said Rozier. "We hope to visit more classrooms next year to further push our program to those who may be interested in a career in international affairs."

By hosting international diplomats, ambassadors and visiting scholars, the international centers welcome the global community to Howard University as well as to Washington, D.C. and the nation as a whole.

John Davis, Ph.D., is a professor in the Political Science Department and often works closely with the Ralph Bunche Center. Alongside his role as the advisor of the Ralph Bunche International Affairs Society, he engages the members and his students in various programs at the center.

One aspect that he exposes his students to and wishes more students knew about are the diplomats in residence at the center.

"I invite them to my class, my international relations class and the students, they get to find out about careers in international

affairs so it's a great opportunity for them. And a lot of students don't know that they're there," said Davis.

He also pointed to the many other resources available at the Ralph Bunche Center, such as the library and potential financing for study abroad programs. Two of his previous students received funding to attend the African Union Conference. However, he feels that many students are not aware that these benefits exist at the center. He referred to an old Howard saying, "There's always something going on but unfortunately the world doesn't always get out."

Rozier agrees. "There are so many opportunities at the Center and in general that either students are not aware of, don't pay attention to, or ignore. It is my job, as well as the job of my co-workers, my superiors, the Howard administration, and Howard faculty to change this for the better," she said through e-mail.

"By nature of our identity, there is a natural and deep attachment to Africa. This attachment directly translates to the development and implementation of many curricular and co-curricular activities that involve Africa," said Kitchiner.

From The Past to The Present: 1991 *Hilltop* Article "How Far Have We Come?"

BY MONICA A. COLCLOUGH
Former *Hilltop* Staff Reporter

February marks Black History Month. This has been a time for blacks to celebrate their accomplishments, but also to access the progress that has been made. How much progress has actually been made since the time of the civil rights movement? According to Howard University President Franklin Jenifer, "significant changes have been made."

Blacks have made great strides in the area of television and politics. "In 1950, a black could count the number of [black] elected officials on their hand but today, there are over 700 black elected officials," says Jenifer. There is one black United States Supreme Court Justice, a black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a number of high ranking officials in the government. Blacks also hold the office of mayor in cities such as Los Angeles, New York and Atlanta. And recently, Sharon Pratt Dixon became the first black female to become mayor of Washington, D.C.

The "presence with radio

and television has increased," says M. Lucius Walker, Dean of the School of Engineering. Bernard Shaw of CNN has penetrated the field of broadcast news and become a success. Carl Rowan is another successful journalist in print and broadcasting, says Orlando L. Taylor, Dean of the School Communications.

In film, Spike Lee has "ventured into different areas" as a field director adds Dean Taylor. He has been able to open new avenues and opportunities for blacks. In addition, Keenan Ivory Wayans has been successful in tv and film. His Emmy award winning show "In Living Color" is characterized by side-splitting comedy.

While tremendous progress has been made "circumstances today are worse than thirty years ago for blacks," says Jenifer. The state of black Americans is precarious. Jenifer adds that "forty-five percent of black children live in poverty, unemployment of blacks is two and a half percent times that of whites, and sixty percent of black babies are born out of wedlock." Even more saddening, blacks are more likely to be victims of homi-

cide and about one-fourth of all black men are in jail. Even more saddening, blacks are more likely to be victims of homicide and about one-fourth of all black men are in jail. Finally, adds Jenifer, "for every 100 females, there are only forty-five black eligible men."

Although there are many blacks that are attending college today, "the number of blacks graduating is declining and the number of Ph.D.'s is less than one percent," Dean Taylor. At the same time, there are still not enough programs to help blacks in school, and learning environment in white institutions is not supportive enough, notes George Rhodes, Ph.D., director of the Center for Academic Reinforcement at Howard. He adds that there appear to be fewer opportunities in teaching for blacks due to a failure to meet national and local examinations.

The job force does not paint a much prettier picture. Dean Walters says that blacks are still underrepresented in many professional corporations, while Dr. Rhodes adds that there are not as many entry-level jobs for blacks due to the higher number of high school

dropouts.

Furthermore, drugs and violence continue to plague the black race. "The tragic force is that individual can be distracted by easy money if they don't have a strong will," says Dean Walker.

Why does it appear that black are taking giant steps backwards in a time when blacks are supposed to have more equality than ever before? And what accounts for those blacks who have been able to succeed versus those who have not? "The political system affects the extent to which we define our goals," says Mae King, political science teacher at Howard. One reason that contributes to the problem is that the attitude of the dominant group has changed very little, according to recent studies done by the National Urban League. "This attitude that embraces the value of racism is a constraining factor on blacks as a minority," says King. Race matters in the U.S. today: "The white race still has been socialized with the black race," adds King.

What are some of the solutions to the obstacle that the black race must overcome to succeed?

There are many solutions. Dr. King says "Blacks in the middle and upper-class must assume more responsibility." All too often the middle-class has "abandoned" the lower-class, says Dean Taylor. Dean Walker suggests that each black who has succeeded should devote time to help two to ten blacks advance.

Dr. Jenifer says one important key is improving economic conditions by making the economic base stronger. He says blacks must utilize their buying power by channeling money back into existing black organizations such as the church and other institutions. Dean Taylor adds that blacks must learn to manage, edit and own to gain power.

The extent of how far the black race goes lies in each one of us. And it is up to this generation to carry on the leadership of a new tomorrow. By working together as one of the success of the black race will be timeless.

Editor's Note: This Hilltop article was published the week of February 8, 1991 to Celebrate Black History Month looking at the progress that African Americans have made.

"A revolutionary woman can't have no reactionary man. If he's not about liberation, if he's not about struggle, if he ain't about building a strong Black family, if he ain't about building a strong Black nation, then he ain't about nothing."

- Assata Shakur



Happy Black History Month :)

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2. MUST REMAIN A FULL-TIME STUDENT, MAINTAIN A 2.7 GRADE POINT AVERAGE EACH SEMESTER, AND REMAIN IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING FOR THE DURATION OF TERM OF EDITORSHIP.
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13. DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE INVENTORY CONTROL SYSTEM.
14. MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION WITH ALL SEGMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY.
15. WORK HAND-IN-HAND WITH THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BOTH THE EDITORIAL AND BUSINESS OFFICES.
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HU Student Business Offers Students a Voice

Continued from FRONT

"The whole goal of *Paradise Exit* is to give college students a feel for where they are and what they can do in the DMV area," said sophomore journalism major Joanne Hall.

"With me writing for the music section [of *PE*], I write about local artists whether [they are] on Howard's campus or in the DMV, and I give readers a feel for new, local talent that they can opt to listen to," she said.

As the nation's first and only collegiate ranking system for businesses, *Paradise Exit* has created a consumer awareness of local businesses in Washington, D.C. that meet the approval of college students city-wide.

The *PE* decal placed on local business doors is a symbol for friendly collegiate environments. Exercising their definitive voice, *PE* offers student organizations and clubs free space to advertise their events and help with designing graphics.

"A lot of times, college students don't know what to do on the weekends, or just want to do different things than they're used to," said Hall. "That's where *PE* comes into play. There is always something new and fresh to check out and experience for the first time."

"*PE* is all about working for the college student, keeping them in the fast lane, and [allowing them to] take full advantage of every social media outlet there is to make sure that their name stays on your mind."



Photo Courtesy of: Jason M. Coles

Founded by HU Alum, Jason Coles (pictured third from the left), *Paradise Exit* is an online magazine that informs college students and allows them to attend local events and visit businesses and rate them. American, Georgetown and Howard University students also contribute to the site. (l-r) Finny Akers, Matt Amling, Jason M. Coles [CEO of *PE*], Chloe Jourdan [Howard Student], Arble Mosley [Dir. of Fashion and Culture/Howard Student], Kian Hassani, Deandre Howard [Howard Student], Royce Bable [Chief Marketing Officer for *PE*/Howard Student], and Patrick Trueman.

Keeping up to the minute updates on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and even MySpace shows *PE*'s dedication to keeping readers informed.

According to *PE* media,

"*Paradise Exit* wants to keep its loyal visitors up to speed so we've created the Express Lane Newsletter to do just that."

"Every Friday, the *PE* team sends out the free Express Lane

Newsletter full of the latest stories, festivals, exclusive events and everything in the city from fashion shows, nightlife, sales and entertainment."

Regarding his original vision for the site, Coles said, "In the time

from where it started to where it is now, we have been taking giant strides in terms of developing better content, utilizing and maximizing our network, as well as partnering with national and local businesses."

Quit Smoking!

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This Just In.....

- The foundation that runs Wikipedia received a \$2 million grant on behalf of Google two months after eBay founder Pierre Omidyar donated \$2 million to the site.

- Verizon Wireless is allowing users to access the Internet, phone service and Skype over wireless networks. Verizon phone customers with a voice and data plan will be able to download the free Skype application by the end of March.
- Toyota is considering a Corolla recall after complaints regarding power steering issues. The possibility came after the world's largest auto maker recalled their most popular model, the Camry. The Corolla is the world's bestselling automobile.
- Up Against the Wall is set to close its doors soon. Check out Tuesday's Biz & Tech section to find out why. And are the other businesses on Georgia Avenue threatened too?

- Information compiled by Alexis K. Barnes, Business & Technology Editor.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS GADGET CENTER IS OFFERING FREE TAX RETURN PREPARATION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - FOR MORE INFORMATION - GADGEVITA@GMAIL.COM

Children in Baltimore Struggle with Lead Poisoning

BY ALEXA MURRAY
Contributing Writer

Within public schools around Baltimore, water fountains are closed off with plastic and signs reading "Do Not Drink," to keep children from consuming water contaminated with lead. In homes, paint is burnt off in an effort to get lead-based paint and dust away before children inhale the toxins.

In 2008, the number of children who were reported to have a significant amount of lead in their bodies was 468, according to the Maryland Department of the Environment. This, however, is a major drop from 2003, when 1,166 such cases were reported.

Ruth Ann Norton, executive director at the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, said that lead poisonings in Baltimore are still a major issue, even though numbers have dropped consistently for 15 years. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake plans to help end the poisonings.

"We have certainly advocated for the new construction programs. This will be a priority; however, Baltimore City is not able to afford to replace the piping in school buildings, so they have shut down the water systems instead for public health," said Norton.

Norton also added that while these water fountains are closed off, the schools are providing bottled water as an alterna-

tive.

Lead poisoning in children have been found to decrease IQ scores and increase learning disabilities, school failure and delinquency, according to the Baltimore City Health Department. This makes it imperative that schools assist in the effort to advocate against lead poisoning.

The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, however, focuses on how lead privately impacts children in their homes. Lead is present in houses built before 1978.

"The majority of the time, we are not finding leaded water in housing, but many times it is present in the paint on the walls of children's homes," said Nor-

ton. "So we are able to provide assistance to families through legal services, public advocacy and education."

In the United States, lead-based paint and lead contaminated dust are the greatest contributors to lead poisonings, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Residents in homes built before 1978, therefore, are forced to deal with deterioration and chipping from the paint that is easily spread to the hands and mouths of children who touch the walls and do not wash their hands afterward.

Children under 6-years-old and pregnant women are most susceptible to lead poisoning with

the possibility of problems occurring in the child's physical and cognitive development, according to The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning.

In order to assist communities in bringing an end to lead found in houses, the Baltimore City Lead Abatement Action Project was created. With the project, Baltimore City provides up to 100 percent of the costs for homeowners and rental properties to fix lead problems within homes.


Through the Coalition and the Baltimore City Lead Abatement Action Project, professionals have made themselves available to any person dealing with lead in their homes and around their children.

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Take It From The Top



BY CRYSTAL J. ALLEN
Editor-in-Chief

At our age, and given our setting, good friends are hard to come by — I'll be the first to admit. A lot of us get confused with the whole "friend" title, often giving it to those who may not be worthy.

I think it's important that we appreciate the real friends we do have.

You know, those friends who will wake up at the crack of dawn to hear about how horrible your night was; the friend who will wake up in the middle of the night to come pick you up just because you don't feel like being alone.

I'm talking about the friends whose accomplishments feel something like your own.

It's not uncommon for those in our age group to jump from this group of "friends" to that one, but it's important for us to pay attention to those friends who are consistent; those friends who never turn their backs on us and who always show they have our best interests at heart.

Once our time at Howard is complete (which will come before we know it), we should have genuine people in our circles to share memories with, to network with and to form alliances with so that we can succeed together — sort of like what we're doing right now.

The one thing I do appreciate about Howard is that the whole "crahs in a barrel" idea is nonexistent here, in a lot of ways. When one of us succeeds, we bring at least one other person with us to success.

I'd like for all of us to keep this going after our days are done here, and one way to ensure this is to make sure we maintain relationships with those who are most important in our lives.

Of course, family comes first, but friends run a close second.

Even if you have just one friend who is there for you through thick and thin, never judges you and supports you in all your endeavors, appreciate that person. Show that person you appreciate them. Don't jeopardize healthy friendships and relationships for trivial mishaps and situations that don't mean much when the bigger picture is considered.

As a matter of fact, you may even want to tell that person thank you, just for being who they are. Tell them today.

These are the friends who make you cupcakes when you're feeling down, the friends who feel your pain when you cry and brag about you when you make monumental steps in your life, who can make a difference and change a bad day into something extraordinary.

And while you're thanking them, remember to thank yourself because you're the best friend you'll ever have.

Also, take note of those who you attract — whether we want to believe it or not, we are mirrored images of those around us. Be sure to be mindful of the company you keep. Don't be quick to pass judgment, and always have faith in yourself and those you love most.

He Said...She Said Viewpoints from Both Sides of the Gender Divide

By Jada F. Smith

"Men shop. Women shop. Numbers prove." — J. Smith.

Yeah, yeah so I manipulated a Jay-Z quote to strengthen my own argument, sue me. But I'm just sick and tired of men perpetuating the misconception that members of the fairer sex would rather attend school in Hampton, Va., than commit the social suicide of not looking fly. Please!

Men shop and try their damndest to present what they consider an acceptable outer appearance just as much as women do — in some cases, more. Sure, "women be shoppin! You can't stop no woman from shoppin!," as Dave Chappelle so eloquently put it years ago, but I dare anyone try to stop a black male from sitting in front of a Foot Locker at 2 a.m. to buy the latest pair of recycled Jordan's (notice I said male, not man. Feel free to interpret that however you'd like).

Anyway, I'm willing to say that spending disposable income that really should not be disposed of on clothes and shoes is neither a "woman thing" nor a "man thing" — it's a silly people thing.

It's a fact that Black people, who consistently have a higher unemployment rate than whites in this country, put up major figures when it comes to consumer spending. I'm not calling all Black people silly, and I'm not saying all Black people drop

beacoup amounts of money in Pentagon City — but many do and it's a problem we should all acknowledge together instead of being petty and pointing the finger at the opposite sex.

But since this is a college audience, let's take it from that point of view. I'd say many of us are either A) still supported by our parents, B) have part-time jobs, probably minimum wage or C) are living off of a refund check that will have to be paid back with interest.

So since few of us are fiscally independent, shouldn't we at least be fiscally responsible? Don't spend all ya' mama's hard earned money at H&M; when your granny gives you a little something from her social security check, don't go to a lavish dinner in Georgetown; and when you get your refund check, buy textbooks, not a new iPad.

So yeah, ever since women started including "dressing well" in their lists of things they want in a man — men have been shoppers. And ever since men have been visual creatures — women have been shopping to visually please men. And ever since Western society told us that our outward appearance is more important than a solid savings account, we've made stunting a habit.

This week's issue: Shopping

By Deontay Morris

I hate going shopping with women. Y'all take entirely too long to shop. And its women of all ages, my grandmother, my mother, my sister, my friends all suffer from the same syndrome.

Personally I don't try on anything unless I'm 100 percent sure that if it fits I will buy it. I do not understand the thrill or the joy of trying on dozens of outfits and not buying them! That concept is so absurd to me. I think men more so shop out of necessity where as women shop more for entertainment and fun. I would much rather watch ESPN than go shopping, however I do understand its importance.

It is important to look fly and presentable. For a few reasons, the most obvious being to impress women. We all want our new hoodie or jeans to be liked by women (welllll not all of us, let me stop).

Another reason is just to look good. There's no greater feeling than looking good and feeling good.

Fellas, sometimes we do place our shopping priorities on the wrong things. Being young and intelligent black men who are trying to come up in life, we could make some better decisions. Instead of spending \$175 on the Space

Jams or \$350 on some Prada shoes we could upgrade our business wardrobe. Thanks to some guidance from my older bros (William Roberts, Martus Ware, Joshua Thomas, Jarvis Seegars, Jonathan Nichols), I understand the importance of looking nice walking through Blackburn in a suit or regular clothes.

It makes absolutely no sense to be fly everyday walking around campus and then look basic when you go to Chinatown for a job interview.

Instead of spending that money on a Gucci belt, get your suit tailored, buy a new tie or some cuff links.

Maybe this would help our young black men of tomorrow put more emphasis on Jos A. Bank than Foot Locker, which would in turn lead to better mentalities for our youth. Standing in lines at six in the morning to get some Jordan's... #weoffthat. Now we just give the money to our homeboy that works there a few days in advance so he can hold them for us. But there has to be balance. Five years from now when we've graduated from HU we'll mostly be in business attire five days a week, sometimes more than that. Let's get a head start on the bawse (Rick Ross voice) lifestyle.

Overheard @ The Mecca

Overheard in front of the East Towers...

Female Student: Oh hey, I didn't know you were greek!

Male Student: Greek? I'm Black.

Female Student: Um...I was talking about fraternity (points to jacket).

Male Student: Ooooooh...yeaaaaah

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20 Questions

...because we know you were wondering the same thing.

- Did D.C. really have a condom shortage during the snow storm?
- When did the Delta's start doing Stop the Violence?
- #Snowpocalypse, #Snowmageddon, #Snowtorious, or #Snowverkill?
- So who are you going to vote for, for HUSA?
- Doesn't the lack of participation in student government just prove that after 2010 leaves, the student body will just go down hill?
- How much money did the Harvard Street liquor store make during the storm?
- Why is the "We Are the World Part 2" video so ratched?
- Why Wyclef really yodeling?
- How many people are sad they would never get to be a John Mayer groupie?
- How was YOUR Valentine's Day?
- Is there a word to describe how awful this year's Dunk Contest was?
- How many people are attempting to give up Twitter for Lent?
- How many people went to New Orleans for Mardi Gras?
- Did you do something strange for a few chains?
- How many people tried the "new sauce" at McDonald's?
- How many people got broken up with right before Valentine's Day?
- Why did Up Against the Wall close?
- Is it because they were letting people put their clothes on layaway?
- When will the Chipotle in Chinatown open back up?
- Look to your right, now your left. Did you know that one of those girls is #VanessaSmith?

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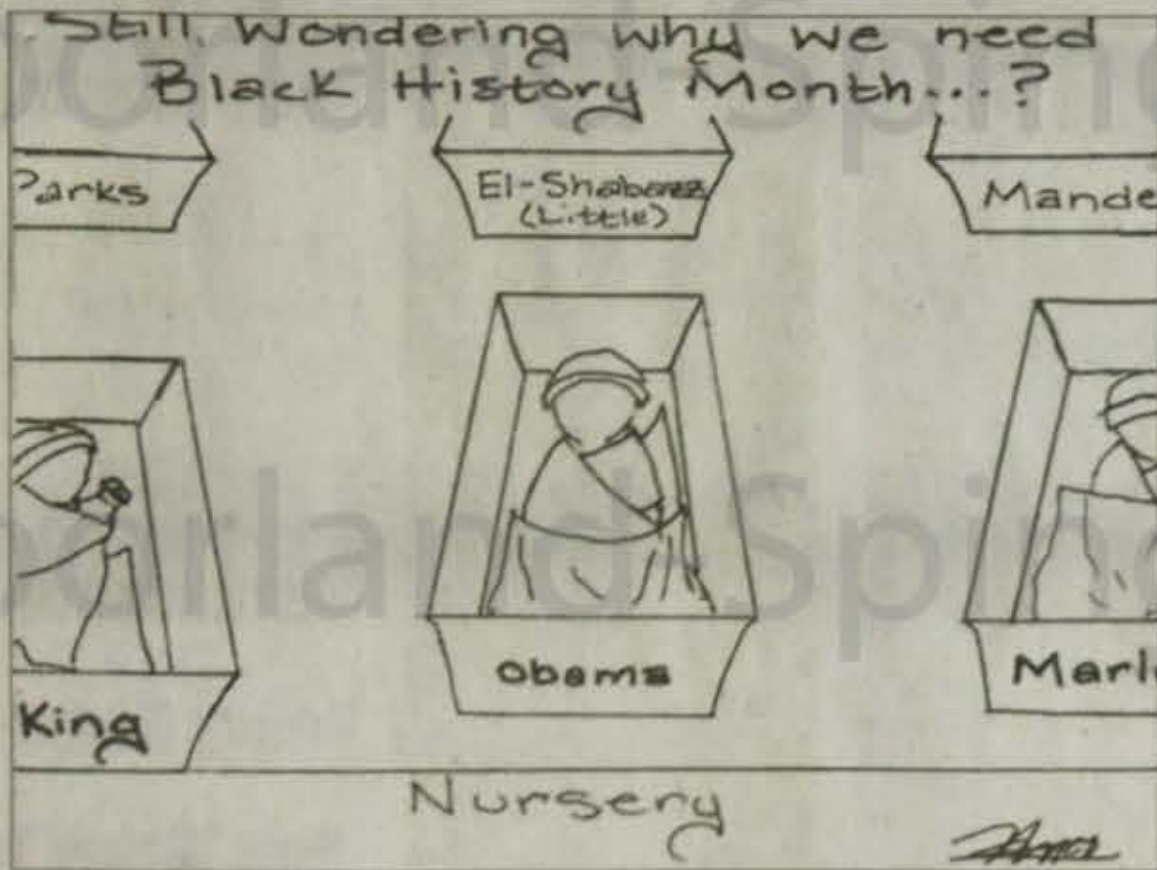
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#VanessaSmith told Lil Mama "Girl this your time to shine" during Jay-Z's performance
— Mr_BeeneStalk
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— DJAnonymousDC
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Does America still need Black History Month?

What started as "Negro History Week" eighty-four years ago has grown into a nationally recognized and indispensable function of American culture. It serves as a commemoration of the history of African Americans in this nation, and a tool to educate the ignorant masses about the significance that we as a race have contributed to the American society.

Interestingly enough, the new decade has been met with uncertainty from some Americans, questioning whether or not a Black History Month is necessary, or even fair.

In 2010, African Americans are attending institutions of higher education, voting freely for public representation, and heading companies - the president of the United States is even black. The glass ceiling has been broken, and in this day and age, there's no situation that African Americans haven't managed to overcome, right? So apparently

there's no need for an entire month dedicated to the history of one race, especially in a nation with such a racially and culturally diverse make-up.

What these arguments fail to recognize is that African Americans aren't the only race with a month dedicated to their very significant share

development and success, and have since endured and overcome unspeakable and immeasurable struggles that have significantly contributed to the shaping of the our nation.

Black History Month isn't an effort for us as a black community to "toot our own horn" - it's a necessary tool in ensuring the nation, especially the uninformed masses, continue to acknowledge the role African Americans have played (and currently play) in the make-up of the nation as a whole.

It's a reminder to Caucasian students in schools that might not stress the importance of African American history. It's a reminder to the black community of the sacrifices and achievements of their race. It's a reminder to Americans as a whole of the legacy that African Americans have left in the past, and are presently continuing.

Our View:
African American history deserves its month of attention.

of contribution to American history. May is Asian Pacific Heritage Month. November is American Indian Heritage Month. September 15 through October 15 is considered Hispanic Heritage Month.

African Americans were essentially the basis of early American economic

Perspective: Get in the Game

Since the start of the nomination process for prospective candidates opened and certainly the start of the election season, people have been writing perspectives that flame the student government.

The perspectives talk about how irrelevant our student leaders are and how mediocre they are, complain about them not doing anything, call them "skit leaders," COMPLAIN, COMPLAIN, and COMPLAIN until the close of the business day and then repeat the same cycle all over again.

Now, I'm not naive to what's going on here. There are student leaders at Howard who put on a skit and get bad reviews; however, all student leaders are not that way, but that's beside the point. My point is very simple.

Stop griping about the situation and do something about it, such as running for office, attending a General Assembly (GA) or Undergraduate Student Assembly (UGSA) meeting, meeting with your respective UGSA and Student Council leaders and voicing your concern.

Tell them how they can do things differently. It makes perfect sense to

me. If you honestly have issues with the way student government functions then go ahead and be a part of the solution rather than sitting on the sidelines.

After all, writing complaints via "Perspectives" won't get the job done.

You might be asking yourself, "Who is he to be saying all of this?" Well, I used to be like some of the people writing perspectives and heavily criticizing student government on a daily basis particularly last semester when we had the protest and gave the administration a long list of demands in which some were unreasonable and seemed a bit foolish to me at the time; however, it did produce positive results and got the attention of Dr. Ribeau.

He responded swiftly and vowed he would work with the students which was encouraging. So, now it doesn't seem foolish at all. I commend the student leaders of the protest and hope for a sustained and organized effort.

After contemplating the notion of running for office, I made the decision to get out of the spectator's box and become a player in the game. All of last semester,

which was my first semester as a transfer student, I was frustrated with Howard. My complaints about the university and every element comprised of it piled up like snow.

I would scold the administration, student government, the unprofessionalism of some professors, academics, and a whole host of issues. It never dawned on me that I could stop being in my comfort zone (spectator's box) and be part of the solutions.

So, as a UGSA Representative candidate for C.P.N.A.H.S., I want to encourage everyone who feels apathetic about student government/leaders and the administration to take the courage, as I did, to come out of the comfort zone and be part of enhancing the Howard experience for our fellow peers.

I know it's too late to run for any office now, but there are other ways to get involved and make a difference. You just have to be willing to take the first step.

Dexter Williams
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